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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 4, 1998

APPLICATION OF

C & P SUFFOLK WATER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE980331

For an amended certificate
of public convenience and
necessity authorizing the
furnishing of water service

ORDER INVITING WRITTEN
COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR HEARING

On June 17, 1998, C & P Suffolk Water Company ("C & P" or "the Company") filed with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission an application to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity. In its application, the Company requests authority to provide water service to the Idlewood Farms subdivision located in the City of Suffolk, Virginia.

The Company proposes to include Idlewood Farms in the rate schedule previously approved for the Lake Meade and Lake Forest subdivisions (Schedule #2). That tariff is as follows:

WATER SERVICE

1. Metered Residential Bi-Monthly Rates

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Rate</u>
For the first 6,000	\$35.00
All over	\$1.15 per 1,000 gallons

2. Minimum Charge:

There shall be a bi-monthly minimum service charge of \$35.00 for water service and no bill will be rendered for less than the minimum charge. The minimum bi-monthly service charge shall become effective when water service is connected to the lot.

The Company bills its customers on a bi-monthly basis in arrears. The Company has included certain miscellaneous fees and charges in its rules and regulations of service, a copy of which may be viewed during regular business hours at the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia and at the Company's offices located at the building of Christian & Pugh, Inc., 20109 IWIP Road, Smithfield, Virginia.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the Company's application, is of the opinion and finds that this application should be docketed, that Staff should investigate and analyze the application and present its recommendations to the Commission, and that the public should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on the application.

The Commission takes judicial notice of our February 20, 1998 Order Granting Approval in Case No. PUA970051, in which we granted approval under §§ 56-89 and 56-90 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). In that Order we granted approval for C & P

to acquire, from Idlewood Farms, Inc., the water facility used to provide service to the Idlewood Farms subdivision.

We are of the opinion, however, that this acquisition of facilities is not an ordinary extension or improvement in the usual course of business and that additional approval is necessary pursuant to § 56-265.2. We will, therefore, deem C & P's application for an amended certificate also to be a request for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to § 56-265.2. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE980331.

(2) The Company shall make a copy of its application and exhibits, along with its rules and regulations of service, available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Company's offices located at the building of Christian & Pugh, Inc., 20109 IWIP Road, Smithfield, Virginia.

(3) On or before September 1, 1998, the Company shall file the following information with the Commission's Division of Public Utility Accounting: an income statement, balance sheet, a cash flow statement based on utility operations for the calendar year 1997, and a copy of the Company's 1997 federal tax return.

(4) On or before September 25, 1998, any interested person wishing to comment on the application shall address such

comments to: William Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer to Case No. PUE980331. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to the Company as follows: Robert W. Jones, Jr., Attorney for C & P Suffolk Water Company, Jones and Jones, P.C., 1600 South Church Street, Smithfield, Virginia 23430.

(5) On or before September 25, 1998, any person desiring a hearing in these matters shall file a request for hearing in writing with William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer in his or her request to Case No. PUE980331. A copy of such request simultaneously shall be sent to the Company as follows: Robert W. Jones, Jr., Attorney for C & P Suffolk Water Company, Jones and Jones, P.C., 1600 South Church Street, Smithfield, Virginia 23430.

(6) Appropriate members of the Commission's Staff shall investigate the application for certificates pursuant to §§ 56-265.2 and 56-265.3(D) of the Code, and shall submit, on or before November 13, 1998, a report presenting their findings and recommendations.

(7) On or before September 1, 1998, the Company shall mail the following notice (bill inserts are acceptable) to all of its

customers and lot owners in the Idlewood Farms subdivision in the City of Suffolk, Virginia:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF
C & P SUFFOLK WATER COMPANY
FOR CERTIFICATES OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
CASE NO. PUE980331

Notice hereby is given that C & P Suffolk Water Company ("the Company") has applied to the State Corporation Commission for certificates of public convenience and necessity pursuant to §§ 56-265.2 and 56-265.3(D) of the Code of Virginia. In its application, the Company requests authority to provide water service to a subdivision known as Idlewood Farms in the City of Suffolk, Virginia. The Company proposes to include Idlewood Farms in its rate schedule previously approved for the Lake Meade and Lake Forest subdivisions (Schedule #2). That tariff is as follows:

WATER SERVICE

1. Metered Residential Bi-Monthly Rates

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Rate</u>
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2. Minimum Charge:

There shall be a bi-monthly minimum service charge of \$35.00 for water service and no bill will be rendered for less than the minimum charge. The minimum bi-monthly service charge shall become effective when water service is connected to the lot.

The Company bills its customer on a bi-monthly basis in arrears. While the total revenue requirement that may be approved is limited to the amount of revenue produced by the Company's proposed rates, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that individual rates and charges approved by the Commission may

be either higher or lower than those proposed by the Company.

The Company also proposes certain miscellaneous fees and charges in its rules and regulations of service. These rules and regulations, along with the Company's application, may be reviewed by interested parties. A copy of the application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Company's offices located at the building of Christian & Pugh, Inc., 20109 IWIP Road, Smithfield, Virginia. The application also is available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Comments on the Company's application and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted on or before September 25, 1998 to the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer to Case No. PUE980331. A copy of the comments and/or requests for hearing also must be sent to the Company as follows: Robert W. Jones, Jr., Attorney for C & P Suffolk Water Company, Jones and Jones, P.C., 1600 South Church Street, Smithfield, Virginia 23430.

If no requests for hearing are received, a formal hearing with oral testimony may not be held and the Commission may make its decisions administratively, based upon papers filed in this proceeding.

C & P SUFFOLK WATER COMPANY

(7) The Company forthwith shall serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of any county and upon the Mayor or Manager of any county, city, or town (or equivalent officials in counties, towns, and cities having alternate forms of government) lying within the Company's

service area. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(8) On or before September 15, 1998, the Company shall provide the Commission with proof of notice required in Ordering Paragraphs (7) and (8).